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Murdered elsewhere... DUMPED in Mysuru

City outskirts turning into a dump yard of murder victims

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

Mysuru, June 5- Mysuru city outskirts are fast earning a chilling reputation as dumping grounds for bodies of murder victims — often mutilated or burned beyond recognition in a deliberate attempt to erase evidence.

In the latest discovery, the Police recovered a severed head and a left forearm belonging to an unidentified male in a secluded field near K. Hemmanahalli village in Jayapura hobli. The Jayapura Police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

Early suspicions indicate that the victim was murdered elsewhere and the dismembered remains were brought to the remote site to avoid detection.

This is not an isolated incident. Over the past three years,

Mysuru and its surrounding taluks have seen five to six eerily similar cases, only two of which have been solved. In the others, victims remain unidentified and perpetrators continue to elude justice.

Pattern of brutality

A disturbing pattern is emerging. Victims are often murdered outside Mysuru — sometimes in distant cities — and their bodies are transported to the outskirts where they are dumped, mutilated or partially burnt using petrol to obliterate facial features and fingerprints. This gruesome tactic severely hampers Police efforts to establish identity, trace the crime or secure leads.

Since 2023, cases have been reported across Jayapura, Yelwal and K.R. Nagar, yet with little success in identifying victims. The anonymity of the dead benefits the killers, allowing them to vanish without leaving a trail.

In many cases, no relatives have come forward, prompting the unsettling question: Are families unaware or is there a more sinister reason why no one is reporting these people missing?

Unsolved cases raise alarm

On May 4, 2023, a half-burnt body was discovered near Yelwal along the Mysuru-Hunsur Highway. Police suspect the body was deliberately torched to destroy evidence, but the case remains unsolved.

In a chilling sequence of events on Dec. 20 and 21, 2023, two unidentified bodies were found on consecutive days — one floating in the Cauvery backwaters near Moolepetlu, and another in the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam backwaters.

Both victims had been packed in sacks or bags before being dumped and their identities remain unknown.

A breakthrough came on July 9, 2024, when the murder of Anand (44), a resident of Bengaluru, was solved. Anand had been strangled and dumped from the Sagarakatte Bridge into the KRS backwaters. His family had filed a missing person report at the Banashankari Police Station, which helped investigators crack the case and arrest three suspects involved in a financial dispute with the victim.

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Echo of Bengaluru stadium stampede

HC registers *suo motu* PIL

Bengaluru, June 5 (VNS)- The High Court (HC) of Karnataka took cognisance of the Bengaluru stampede incident, which resulted in the death of 11 people and registered a *suo motu* Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and ordered the State Government to file a report.

A Division Bench, headed by Acting Chief Justice V. Kameshwar Rao, informed Attorney General K. Shashi Kiran Shetty that it would take up the matter today at 2.30 pm.

Senior Advocates Hemanth Raj and G.R. Mohan submitted a report to the High Court informing about the tragedy and also about people standing on top of the High Court building during the felicitation of the RCB team

at Vidhana Soudha, describing it as a major security lapse.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar visited the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium and inspected the incident spot. He also held a meeting with senior Police officers and KSCA officials.

Later, speaking to media persons, Dr. Parameshwar said, "Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had ordered an investigation by a magistrate. "Let the report come. If there is any lapse, action will be initiated against those responsible," he added.

BJP blames Congress

BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra held the Congress Government responsible for the stampede. Speaking to media persons this morning, he questioned the decision to continue with celebrations as the stampede had already occurred before the RCB team left the Taj West End Hotel.

Stating that the CM and Ministers had become obsessed with publicity, Vijayendra alleged that the State Government was trying to downplay the incident by ordering a Magistrate-level probe instead of a Judicial enquiry.

Police had denied permission: R. Ashoka

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka, highlighting that drones were being used to capture the event despite Vidhana Soudha and the High Court being restricted areas, claimed that he had information about the Police denying permission for the event.

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje visited Bowring Hospital this morning and enquired about the health condition of those injured. Demanding the immediate resignation of Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, Shobha Karandlaje sought a Judicial probe into the incident.

(See HC on page 7)

HOCUS-POCUS

Please turn to Page-6 for K.B. Ganapathy's column ***Hocus-Pocus****. —***Ed**

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 5th June 2025

Hadapada Award conferred on Pt. Sharankumar Guttaragi

Mysuru, June 5 (PM&DM)- Gadag-based tabla artiste Pandit Sharankumar Guttaragi was conferred with the prestigious Pandit K.S. Hadapada Award-2025 at a programme organised under the aegis of Sri Guru Puttaraja (SGP) Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, marking the 19th death anniversary of Pandit Hadapada at Ganabharathi's auditorium in Kuvempunagar here on Sunday.

Speaking after conferring the award, former national wrestler Shankar S. Kaligonnavar said that Pandit K.S. Hadapada belonged to his (Shankar) village Mallapur in Ron taluk of the now Gadag district and made name and fame as a renowned tabla artiste. He noted that Hadapada is a model and guide to achievers in the field of music.

EqualizeRCM-India Chairman and TiE Mysuru President Bhaskar Kalale, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that Pandit Sharankumar Guttaragi, who has years of experience in playing tabla, had the greatness to keenly watch the tabla performance by youngsters and children at the stage.

Pointing out that Guru Puttaraja Sangeetha Sabha President Bhimashankar Bidanur is one among the best Gurus in tabla, he said that his disciples were fortunate enough to learn from such a maestro. "My son too learnt from Bhimashankar and has earned applause from Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri for the flawless technique that he displayed at a musical concert," he added.

Awardee Pandit Sharankumar Guttaragi presented a tabla concert on the occasion. Also, students of SGP Sangeetha Sabha presented a mass tabla performance. NIE faculty Dr. C.K. Sanjaykumar, Sabha President Bhimashankar Bidanur and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MAHALAKSHMI'S QUALITIES: ***When we look for precedents for any spiritual or religious observation, we look into the Itihasas and Puranas. But above all stand the Vedas. The Vedas are the ultimate authority when it comes to seeking validation for any philosophical statement.***

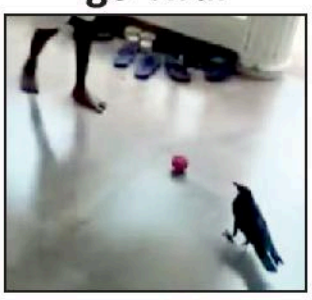
Sri Guna Ratna Kosam ***of Parasara Bhattar gives us Goddess Mahalakshmi's qualities. The Vedas are the source of this work, because all Her auspicious qualities find a place in the Vedas, said T.A.K. Srinivasacharya in a discourse. So, Parasara Bhattar speaks with the authority of the Vedas when he elaborates on Her kalyana gunas. Parasara Bhattar is following the path shown by sages like Vyasa, when he praises Mahalakshmi's gemlike qualities.***

Those who have earned the blessings of the Goddess are fortunate, and those who have not are fools who misinterpret the Vedas and do not grasp its import. To envision Her innumerable qualities, one needs the special collyrium of bhakti. Mahalakshmi is the Goddess of the universe.

It is not just the Upanishads that declare the greatness of Mahalakshmi. The Itihasas too extol Her. Even if everything that is good and auspicious in this world is put together, it will not equal even a small fraction of Mahalakshmi's wonderful qualities. You find a fortunate man seated on an elephant, beneath a pearlstudded umbrella. At the same time, you also see a poor man, dressed in wornout and torn clothes. The reason for the difference in status of the two men is that while the former received the glances of the Goddess, the latter did not. Prosperity comes to a man only with Mahalakshmi's grace. *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Crow's insane football skills go viral



Margao: A video of a crow dubbed 'Crow-naldinho' by social media and a boy playing football together in South Goa is currently circulating on social media. In the viral clip, the crow can be seen passing the ball using its beak while the boy gently taps it back.

The two continue passing the ball back and forth, engaging in a rondo that has enthralled the internet. The video shared has received hundreds of comments, with social media users amused by the crow's ability to lend the perfect weight to its passes.

"Dude's passing is better than most Indian national team player," joked one user while another added: "Available on Sunday?? We have a match, need a striker with good heading ability."

Truck rollover releases 14 million bees

Washington: A tractor-trailer crash on a Washington road set an estimated 14 million bees loose near the Canadian border, causing the roadway to be closed for 24 hours.

The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office said the truck was carrying more than 70,000 pounds of honey bee hives when it rolled over on Weidkamp Road, between Loomis Trail and West Badger roads.

The crash caused what was initially reported to be 250 million bees — but was later amended to be closer to 14 million bees — to swarm around the roadway.

The roadway was closed for about 24 hours to allow the bees to return to their hives and locate their queens.

More than 24 beekeepers assisted with rescue efforts. They said the insects that did not return to their hives will likely turn wild, joining existing colonies or forming new ones.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How to diagnose enlarged prostate?

Digital rectal examination by urologist and ultrasound of abdomen and pelvis will diagnose the enlarged prostate..

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. – Consultant – Urology and Andrology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore.

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Devaraj Urs death anniversary

D. Devaraja Urs

Mysuru, June 5- City based Anveshana Seva Trust and Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust have jointly organised a function on June 9 to commemorate the 43rd death anniversary of former Karnataka Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs.

The function will be held at the auditorium of Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city from 10.30 am. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture K. Venkatesh will inaugurate. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah and *Chutuku Yugacharya* Dr. MGR Urs will speak about Devaraj Urs. Vice-President of Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust H.A. Venkatesh will preside.

Trust Founder Arya Amarnath Raje Urs will offer floral tributes to the portrait of D. Devaraj Urs. Sandhya Suraksha Trust President Dr. B.R. Nataraj Jois will be the chief guest.

Six achievers from various fields will be conferred with 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award for their achievements in their chosen field.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **107.18 feet**	Today's level **2,280.50 feet**	Today's level **2,851.43 feet**
Last year's level **84.46 feet**	Last year's level **2,260.94 feet**	Last year's level **2,824.25 feet**
Yesterday's level **106.60 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.74 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,851.37 feet**
Today's Inflow **7,262 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **6,488 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,908 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **836 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **8,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,729 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***A Vampire bat's teeth are so sharp that its bite may not be felt at all. Their saliva dulls any pain, so a bat may drink its victim's blood for up to 30 minutes.***
- ***Hippos' closest living relatives are the aquatic mammals: whales, dolphins and porpoises.***
- ***A chameleon's tongue is at least as long as its body, but it can grab prey in a fraction of a second.***
- ***To hover, hummingbirds may beat their wings up to 200 times per second.***
- ***A jaguar can see in the dark six times better than a human.***
- ***Both male and female pigeons produce a substance called crop milk to feed their chicks. Very few birds have this rare ability, just greater flamingos, emperor penguins, pigeons and doves.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband: *I have discovered that my wife is a liar.*

Friend: *How did you find that?*

Husband: *Because she said she spent the night with Clara.*

Friend: *So what?*

Husband: *I spent that night with Clara.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.75
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 116.25
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.35
1 Euro	= Rs. 97.87

VOICE OF THE READER

MUDA / MDA: Problems and solutions

Sir,

In response to the article 'MDA faces litmus test after MUDA's collapse' published in the *Star of Mysore* on May 27. Concerning the concerns raised regarding the functioning and future of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), rebranded as Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), I wish to offer the following observations along with suggested remedies:

1. Development of new layouts

Political interference: Most developers operate with political backing and vested interests. This can be curtailed only under the leadership of a strong and efficient Administrator or Commissioner.

Lack of initiative by officials: There is little enthusiasm among officials to initiate Government-led layout projects, identify suitable land or negotiate with farmers. Preference is often given to clearing files of private developers. A proactive Administrator/ Commissioner with authority over staff and coordination at the Government level can address this.

Violations in private layout approvals: New private layouts are often approved in violation of regulations due to political pressure or bribery. A vigilant and independent Administrator/ Commissioner is essential to prevent such practices.

2. Encroachment of lands

Poor land records: Officials often lack clarity about land ownership or ongoing legal disputes. This issue requires immediate attention through a well-coordinated administrative effort under a capable Administrator/ Commissioner.

Need for accountability: Strict action must be taken against encroachers and any complicit officials, without succumbing to political pressure.

3. 'Bit of land' issue

Many old layouts include small leftover plots ('bit of land') that remain unsurveyed. These should be properly surveyed, regularised with penalties and brought under strict regulatory control.

4. Civic Amenity (CA) sites

Several older CA sites are being misused through subleasing and are earning large revenues in the name of social service. These are often controlled by influential individuals rather than genuine service-oriented organisations. An empowered Administrator/ Commissioner must identify such cases, cancel illegal arrangements and enforce strict guidelines.

From the above, it is evident that a committed, honest and empowered Administrator or Commissioner, supported by sincere political will, can bring about a transformational change in the functioning of MDA. This leadership is critical, especially when political interests have long benefited from the system.

—P.S. Nataraj

Brindavan Layout
28.5.2025

IIET to present Kathabhinaya 'The Dust That Never Left Us'

Mysuru, June 5- The Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET) will be presenting *'The Dust That Never Left Us: A Journey Through the Bhagavata Purana - Explore the Essence of Nature,'* a profound storytelling performance that brings together mythology, ecology, and immersive theatre. Conceived and performed by internationally acclaimed storyteller Dr. Janardan Ghosh, in collaboration with Oglam Bally, this unique Kathabhinaya presentation will be held **tomorrow (June 6) at 6 pm** at the IIET, Hardwicke School Premises, JLB Road, Mysuru. The performance will be in English and is open to all.

Blending expressive narration with gesture, movement, music and audience interaction, 'The Dust That Never Left Us' draws inspiration from ancient tales in the Bhagavata Purana — including King Prithu's dialogue with Mother Earth, Krishna's lifting of Govardhan Mountain and his cleansing dance over the serpent Kaliya in the Yamuna. These timeless myths are reimagined to reflect pressing environmental concerns such as climate change, pollution and the disconnection between humanity and nature.

Dr. Ghosh's Kathabhinaya storytelling is known for its emotional depth, rooted in Indian aesthetic traditions and rasa theory. The performance integrates natural elements and somatic techniques, including guided visualisations and grounding practices inspired by Yoga Nidra, fostering not just ecological awareness but also personal healing and inner reflection.

Dr. Janardan Ghosh is a renowned theatre artiste, academic and spiritual performer whose international collaborations and workshops emphasise storytelling as a tool for ecological consciousness and cultural renewal.

For details, call Mob: 94488-71815.

Stampede stomps RCB's IPL victory party

11 dead, over 47 injured and counting

Worst ever tragedy in recent times at M. Chinnaswamy cricket stadium

Bengaluru, June 5 (BS)- The joy of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) team lifting its maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) champions trophy after a 18-year-long wait, didn't even last for 18 hours, as the victory celebration organised at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium yesterday, turned gory with 11 losing their lives in the stampede.

The deceased include teens and youngsters, identified as- Poornachandra (26), a Civil Engineer hailing from K.R. Pet taluk in Mandya district, Bhoomik (20), an engineering student, son of Lakshman and Ashwini couple, currently residing in Bengaluru (native of Kuppugodu village, Belur taluk, Hassan district), Sahana, a Software Engineer, hailing from Kolar and residing in Bengaluru, Divyamshi (14), a class 9 student and daughter of Shivakumar and Ashwini, residents of Kanakasri Layout, Bengaluru, eight-year-old Dimple, Devi and Shravan and others. Over 47 suffered injuries in the incident, with 33 among them admitted at various hospitals in the city.

Even as the whole of the State was celebrating the victory of RCB against Punjab Super Kings (PBKS) in the high voltage finals held on Monday, RCB franchise had announced to take out the victory parade of RCB squad from HAL Airport to M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, in a social media post at about 8 am yesterday. Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) had made announcement about organising victory celebration at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium at 4.30 pm. Meanwhile, the State Government had organised a felicitation ceremony to honour RCB team at the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha at 3 pm.

With their favourite players assembling at three different venues, the ardent fans were eager to catch the glimpse of the players. As the time drew closer, lakhs of fans made their way to the stadium, with the crowd of an estimated 3 lakh outnumbering the actual holding capacity of 35,000 at the stadium.

No sooner the gates 18, 19 and 20 at the stadium were opened, there was a mad rush of fans, who vied with each other, only to cause commotion, forcing the huge contingent of Police to lathi charge the crowd and somehow succeeded in bringing the situation under control.

The opening of Gate No. 12 of the stadium is primarily believed to be the cause for the stampede, as thousands of fans barged through, with the Police allegedly failing to rein in them.

With the fans jostling for space, Police refrained from using mild force to control them, for the fear of causing any stampede like incident, but their worst fears turned out true in no time, as the mad crowd allegedly started climbing on the shoulders of each others. The crowd went berserk and broke through the barricades installed around and three among them tripped only to suffer leg fracture in the melee.

Heart rending scenes were witnessed, as the Police rushed to the rescue of victims, trying all their best to revive their condition. As it was difficult for ambulance to wade through the crowd, the Police themselves carried the victims and shifted them in their vehicles to nearby Bowring Hospital at Shivajinagar and Vydehi Super Speciality Hospital on Vittal Mallya Road.

Six of the injured succumbed at Bowring Hospital, four breathed their last at Vydehi Hospital and one died at Manipal Hospital. The bodies were handed over to the family members after performing autopsy the same night.

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Narendra Modi

New Delhi, June 5 (Agencies)- President of India Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and several other dignitaries have condoled the death of 11 people, who lost their lives in the stampede at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

"The loss of lives in the tragic happening at a stadium in Bengaluru is shocking and heartbreaking. My condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured, " stated Murmu, in a social media post.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his condolence message stated "The mishap in Bengaluru is absolutely heartrending. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with all those who have lost their loved ones. I pray that those who are injured have a speedy recovery."

Rahul Gandhi, in his condolence message posted on 'X' stated — The tragic stampede near Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium during RCB's IPL victory celebrations is heartbreaking. My condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. Wishing a swift and full recovery to all those injured. In this hour of grief, I stand with the people of Bengaluru. The Karnataka Government must provide all possible support and relief to the affected families.

This tragedy is a painful reminder: no celebration is worth a human life. Every safety protocol for public events must be reviewed and strictly enforced - lives must always come first.

RCB, KSCA announce Rs. 5 lakh ex-gratia

Bengaluru, June 5 (VNS)- In joint statement, both Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) have announced Rs. 5 lakh ex-gratia for each family members of 11 persons, who were killed in the stampede that occurred in front of M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, yesterday.

"RCB - KSCA expresses deep concern and heartfelt condolences regarding the unfortunate incident that occurred during the celebration organised by Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) at M Chinnaswamy Stadium earlier today," the joint statement stated.

"We are profoundly saddened by the tragic loss of lives and the injuries sustained by individuals during this event. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families affected by this incident. We sincerely regret this tragedy and stand in solidarity with the bereaved families during this extremely difficult time," the statement added.

"RCB - KSCA announces Rs. 5 lakh to the families of those who have lost their loved ones. We hope this gesture can offer some support and solace in their time of grief. We want to emphasise that this compensation is not intended to determine or replace the value of human life, but rather to serve as a gesture of support and solidarity during such challenging times. Thank you for your understanding and support," the statement further stated. Meanwhile, Virat Kohli took to Instagram to express his grief over the incident stating, "At a loss for words. Absolutely gutted," with an emoji of a broken heart.

Love for cricket cost his life

Poornachandra

K.R. Pet, June 5 (BS)- Pall of gloom engulfed the family of K.R. Pet youth, who was among 11 killed in the stampede at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

Poornachandra (26), son of teacher R.B. Chandra and Kanthamani and a resident of Rayasamudra in K.R. Pet taluk, was a Diploma holder and was working at a private company. He was an ardent lover of cricket and a diehard fan of RCB team.

After learning about the arrival of RCB team in Bengaluru and the victory celebration organised at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, he had come to Bengaluru only to meet his tragic end.

State set to ease sandalwood policy to enhance cultivation

Forest Minister outlines policy after distributing KSDL-sponsored safety kits to frontline staff

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY&BCT)- To encourage sandalwood cultivation, the Karnataka Government is set to simplify regulations surrounding the harvesting and transportation of the aromatic tree, announced Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre.

He was speaking at an event held at the Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru yesterday, where safety kits were distributed to frontline Forest Department staff of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar with the support of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL).

The Minister stated that the proposed changes in the policy would make sandalwood farming more accessible and profitable for farmers. "We are witnessing a rising demand for sandalwood oil, especially from the KSDL. Easing the policy will benefit both cultivators and industries," he noted.

Currently, a large number of farmers already grow sandalwood, but cumbersome regulations have deterred many others. The new notification, expected soon, will streamline processes and encourage wider adoption.

As part of its broader conservation strategy, the Forest Department is also expanding sandalwood plantations in Government orchards. "Conservation of forest wealth is vital. To protect this green cover, we need to empower our frontline personnel," Khandre added.

The Minister distributed safety kits to frontline Forest staff. The kits, provided with support from KSDL, include shoes, jackets, bags and water bottles. The initiative has benefited 10,000 personnel so far. The effort was spearheaded by Industries Minister M.B. Patil and KSDL Chairman C.S. Nadagouda.

Khandre also announced that the State Government is considering extending subsidised canteen services to Forest personnel, similar to facilities provided to Police and Army officers. He acknowledged the crucial role forest staff play in combating wildfires, curbing encroachments and preventing poaching.

MLA D. Ravishankar, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF - Wildlife) Subhash K. Malkade, APCCF Kumar Pushkar, KSDL MD P.K.M. Prashanth, Chamarajanagar Circle Chief Conservator of Forests T. Heeralal, Conservator of Forests (Project Tiger) Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Mysuru Circle Conservator Malathi Priya, Working Plan Conservator Ravishankar, Wildlife Board Member Dhruv Patil, Vice-Chairperson of the Karnataka State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee Pushpa Amarnath, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar and others were present.

Forest officers' residential complex inaugurated

Mysuru, June 5 (MK&BCT)- The newly built 'Arjuna' Residential Complex for Forest officers was inaugurated last evening at the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL) campus on Manandavadi Road in Mysuru.

The housing complex was developed under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) scheme for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre formally inaugurated the complex, which includes accommodations for frontline Forest personnel as well. The initiative aims to provide better living facilities and support infrastructure for Forest staff engaged in crucial conservation duties.

The event was attended by Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF - Wildlife) Subhash K. Malkade, Additional PCCF Kumar Pushkar, Project Tiger Conservator Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Mysuru Circle Conservator Dr. M. Malathi Priya, Wildlife Division DCF Dr. I.B. Prabhu Gowda, Mysuru DCF Dr. Basavaraju and DCF P.A. Seema, among other senior Forest officials.

KSDL sets eyes on global markets; targets Rs. 5,000 crore turnover

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY&BCT)- Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), the State-run manufacturer of the iconic Mysore Sandal Soap, is ramping up efforts to boost its presence in international markets, Industries Minister M.B. Patil announced on Wednesday.

Speaking at a function at Karnataka State Open University, where safety kits were distributed to frontline Forest personnel, Patil revealed that 82 percent of KSDL's sales currently come from States outside Karnataka, primarily Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. Only 18 percent of sales are within Karnataka.

"To expand KSDL's market footprint, we are working to make its products available across all Indian States and explore international opportunities," said the Minister. He added that the Government is encouraging institutions, including hostels and Government offices, to purchase KSDL products to improve profitability and brand visibility.

KSDL, which recently posted a profit of Rs. 416 crore, has attributed its financial growth to improved product quality and streamlined operations. Out of this profit, Rs. 2 crore from the CSR fund has been used to provide safety kits to Forest staff.

KSDL has enhanced its e-commerce and export capabilities and is now preparing to launch a premium fragrance product made with jasmine essence, priced at Rs. 2.6 lakh per kilogram.

Outlining the company's roadmap, Patil said, "Our target is to grow KSDL into a Rs. 5,000 crore company within the next three years through product innovation, wider distribution and sustainable practices."

KSDL Chairman C.S. Nadagouda shared that the company still imports sandalwood oil for its products. However, KSDL is willing to supply high-quality sandalwood saplings to promote domestic cultivation, subject to approval from Forest Department.

MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah praised KSDL's ability to remain profitable while preserving a century-old legacy. He lauded the initiative to support Forest personnel with safety gear, recognising their critical role in forest conservation.

A NEW DAWN IN SKINCARE!

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We are delighted to share the inauguration of ***Mridu-The Skin Theory,*** a dermatology clinic envisioned to provide exceptional skin care rooted in empathy, precision, and purpose.

The clinic was formally inaugurated by the Honourable Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru, **Shri Lakshmikanth Reddy, IAS**, whose gracious presence added immense meaning to this special occasion. We are sincerely grateful to him for taking the time to bless our new beginning.

Led by Dr. Chinmai, Mridu-The Skin Theory caters to a wide spectrum of dermatological needs-from common skin concerns in all age groups to advanced cosmetic and aesthetic dermatology treatments.

Mridu is not just a clinic. It is a carefully crafted space where science meets care, where every patient is welcomed with respect, and where skin health is celebrated in all its forms. We believe that thoughtful dermatological care can transform lives, and we are humbled to begin this journey in the heart of Mysuru.

We look forward to serve our community with dedication, compassion, and clinical excellence.

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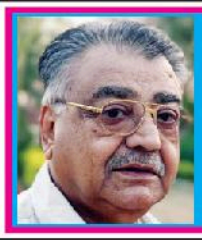
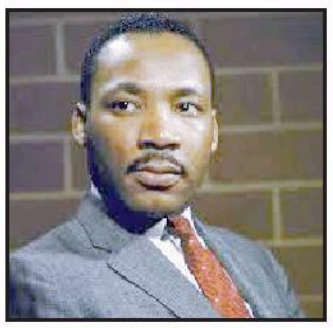


Hocus-Pocus... Hocus-Pocus...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Believe it or Not: The Pain and a Dream



Martin Luther King Jr.

Last night I had a severe pain in my left back with vice-like grip of muscle commonly called muscle catch or a cramp. It was so severe, I could not lie down on my bed anymore. Got up, walked up and down in the fairly large bedroom. The pain was excruciating. When I was found in this state, better-half was awakened and medical exam started. Soon the treatment too — from hot water-bag to muscle-spray and Dolo-650. Since I had similar experience about six months' back and doctor had prescribed a tab that cured me, I looked for the remainder of that tab in the strip. There was and pop it went into my mouth.

A while later, I sought refuge in the bed as the pain seemed to fade away. I got up at 6 am, though my normal wake-up hour is 4.30 or 5 am.

Actually, I would have gone on sleeping but for a dream I was enjoying, rather experiencing. The name House of Mohammad Hassan was often appearing and also a blistered silver foil with tabs pressed out. The earlier details of the dream were not clear except about moving around a house and the name House of Mohammad Hassan being mentioned a few times and the last utterance waking me up at 6.20 am.

I was a tad confused. *A House for Mr. Biswas* was a book written by the Nobel Laureate V.S. Naipaul and I know of it. But this name 'House of Mohammad Hassan,' I had never heard of. So immediately I picked up my cell phone and called Google. After thinking a while I framed the question.

What is the book or poem about the house of Mohammad Hassan?

It gave, many titles but not about the book I asked. I gave up. A dream is a dream. I was left wondering like the Chinese Philosopher Chuang Tzu who, on waking up after dreaming as a butterfly, asked: Who is dreaming? Him or the butterfly. The Universal Dictionary of Reader's Digest explains a dream as 'a series of images, ideas and emotions occurring involuntarily to the mind in certain stages of sleep.' It also means an aspiration; an ambition as declared by Martin Luther King Jr., American Civil Rights leader in his famous speech. "I have a dream."

Anyway, no matter, I was not able to follow-up on my dream that followed my physical pain. I had a good sleep and got up without any body pain. I thank my doctor for that. Well, as for God? The Almighty only gave me pain and a dream!

Narender Surrender

Narendra Modi

Indira Gandhi

In My life, since independence, I have not seen a LoP in Parliament like the present one. Age does not seem to have matured him, nor his distinguished manner to which he is born seemed to have contributed to his Parliamentary debating skill. He seems to be a pitiable apology to his otherwise celebrated, prominent political family of India.

Bereft of any public speaking skill, he delivers his staccato speeches that is almost always directed against Modi, the latest example came when he was addressing a party convention in Bhopal a few days back. To his luck these days he has a subject ready at hand to denigrate and even mock at Modi — 'Operation Sindoor.'

While speaking, as if to dramatise what he was going to say, he makes a pause, looks around at his audience and says that US President Donald Trump called Modi and 'Narendra surrendered.' There was applause from the captive audience. LoP was beaming a sarcastic smile and looked around, pleased and continued. He said the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (his grandmother) did not budge in 1971 war with Pakistan that created Bangladesh, despite the US sending its 7th Fleet.

Rahul said that India split Pakistan in 1971 despite America's threat supporting Pakistan. He said no phone call came from America during the 1971 war. He affirmed, even though the 7th Fleet, weapons and an aircraft carrier arrived (at East Pakistan waters) Indira Gandhi did not surrender (implying in contrast Modi surrendered to America) and did whatever she wanted.

Well said, without reading the history of Bangladesh war. For the complete story one must read what Field Marshal Manekshaw has said in his many interviews.

Yes, American 7th Fleet had indeed arrived, but sadly for Americans, it was too late. Field Marshal Manekshaw has already handed our Victory to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The 7th Fleet quietly returned to its destination.

If India had not finished the war by then, forcing Pakistan to surrender to India, instead of President of America Richard Nixon calling Indira Gandhi, probably it was Indira Gandhi who would have called Nixon. **There is more honour in being called by an American President than calling the American President.**

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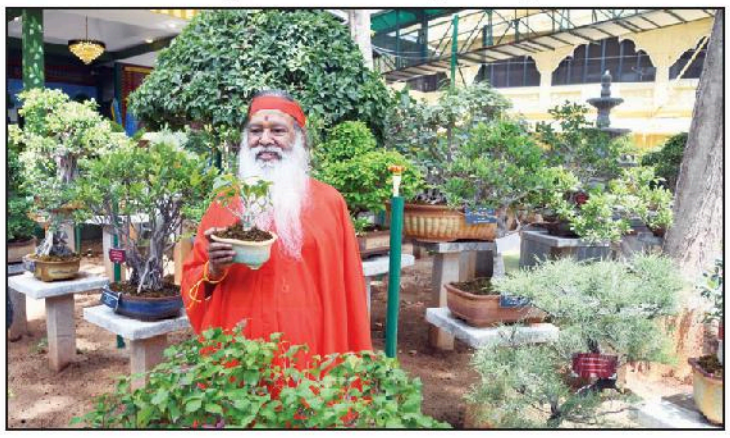
Vruksha Shanti Puja and Sahasra Chandi Yaga at Ganapathy Ashram



Sri Ganapathy Swamiji posing with a bonsai tree at the Ashram in city this morning.

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY)- Vana Durga Vruksha Shanti Puja and Sahasra Chandi Yaga are being conducted at Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises on Nanjangud Road in city from June 6 to 15, in the august presence and guidance of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, for the benefit of mankind at large. Teams of Vedic scholars will be guided by Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji during the grand 10-day Vedic rituals.

Sahasra Chandi Yaga: Chandi Yaga is rooted in the 'Devi Mahatmyam,' a sacred scripture from the Markandeya Purana that glorifies Mother Goddess Durga as the supreme power behind creation. It is performed in conjunction with the recitation of the Durga Saptashati, a powerful text of 700 verses narrating the triumphs of Goddess Durga in three titular forms of Mahakali, Mahalakshmi and Mahasaraswati. As such, Chandi Yaga stands as a holistic spiritual practice that uplifts, protects and empowers. Appeasing Mother Goddess Chandi by performing this yaga a 1,000 times as indicated by "Sahasra" Chandi Yaga ensures that the benefits are amplified manifold!

Vruksha Shanti Puja: The grandeur of prakruti, nature, is extolled as the form of Mother Goddess known as "Aranyaani" (forest-protector) in the Vedas. She is also known as "Vana Durga" who appears with green complexion, symbolising her role as a guardian of the natural world. Long venerated by rural communities with dependence on natural resources, Vana Durga often has open shrines in forests (common in Karnataka, Odisha and Maharashtra), reinforcing the idea of the Goddess as an integrated embodiment of nature's vitality. We especially remember Vana Durga through the historical prayer offered by the Pandavas in the Vana Parva of the Mahabharata.

Commemorating the phenomenon of Goddess Vana Durga, while responding to rampant global urbanisation coupled with deforestation, Sri Swamiji has chosen 8,000 bonsai trees to be added to Datta Peetham. This decision is both practical and cautionary, as it is not only impractical to bring so many full-size sacred trees to one place, but also a reminder to mankind that unless protected, these trees may only be available to future generations in miniature form.

Each set of 1,000 trees is dedicated to one of eight deities: Ganapathy, Vishnu, Lalita, Shiva, Subrahmanya, Dattatreya, Hanuman, and Surya Deva, with every tree specifically assigned a sacred name from each deity's Saharanama (1,000 names).

The daily ritual will include the worship of one of the above eight deities along with all 1,000 trees allotted, focusing on one sacred tree most significant to the deity. A special four-foot Pancha-loha (5-metal) bonsai tree with 8,000 leaves, each engraved with a sacred name, will be brought to each of the 1,000 trees amidst sacred Vedic chants.

Murdered elsewhere... Dumped in Mysuru

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In a more recent incident at Gumachanahalli near Jayapura, a partially burned male body was identified as Mohan Kumar from Byadarapura in Chamarajanagar taluk.

Employed as a manager at a lodge near Bogadi, he was allegedly killed by gamblers who frequented the premises. Believing he had stolen a gold chain, the suspects murdered him, poured petrol over his body and set it ablaze.

Police now believe that multiple recent discoveries of unidentified bodies — in lakes, fields, and forest patches — may be part of a larger trend. The bodies are being deliberately disposed of in Mysuru's peripheries to delay identification and derail investigations.

In the most recent case at K. Hemmanahalli, Police suspect the same *modus operandi:* The victim was likely murdered elsewhere, dismembered and disposed of in pieces.

CM fetes RCB team at Vidhana Soudha

Rajat Patidar, captain of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) cricket team receiving the memento from Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, at the felicitation ceremony organised at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan look on. Picture right shows CM Siddaramaiah felicitating star cricketer Virat Kohli, a squad member of RCB.

Bengaluru, June 5 (BS)- The Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) cricket team led by Captain Rajat Patidar, that won the finals of Indian Premier League (IPL)-18 season, was felicitated with Mysore Peta, Memento and Sandalwood garland, at the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha here yesterday.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot took part in the felicitation ceremony, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Home Minister Dr.G. Parameshwar, Ministers B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, Dr.M.C. Sudhakar and several other dignitaries participated in honouring the cricketers.

Earlier, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar welcomed RCB team on behalf of the Government, on its arrival from Gujarat at HAL Airport. They were later taken to a hotel in a bus, where they halted for a while.

The RCB team, along with the champions trophy left to Vidhana Soudha to attend the felicitation ceremony at 4.30 pm. The programme began with the rendition of National Anthem and Nadageethe.

As it began to rain, the RCB team left towards M. Chinnaswamy stadium, in a bus following the conclusion of felicitation event. Following the stampede, the cricketers went around the stadium, marking the conclusion of victory celebration.

CM Siddaramaiah announces Rs. 10 lakh compensation

Magistrate-level probe ordered

Bengaluru, June 5 (VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced Rs. 10 lakh compensation for the families of the deceased, who were killed in the tragic stampede incident that occurred in front of M. Chinnaswamy stadium, here yesterday, along with ordering a magistrate-level inquiry into the incident.

Speaking to media persons, after visiting the Bowring Hospital and Vydehi Super Speciality Hospital, where the injured persons were undergoing treatment, Siddaramaiah expressed his grief over the incident, stating it was unfortunate and said that a total of 11 persons had died in the stampede, with 47 people sustaining injuries.

"This is an unfortunate incident. No one anticipated this. Neither the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) nor the government expected such a huge crowd. The stadium can accommodate only 35,000 people, but over two to three lakh fans turned up," he added.

Following RCB's victory on Tuesday, it was decided to organise felicitation ceremonies for the team – one in front of Vidhana Soudha and the other at the stadium. While no incident was reported in front of Vidhana Soudha, where more than one lakh people had gathered, a stampede occurred in front of the Chinnaswamy

Stadium, said Siddaramaiah.

Siddaramaiah, who announced a Rs. 10 lakh compensation for the families of the deceased, assured the families of those injured that the State Government would bear the expenses of all those being treated in government and private hospitals. "The doctors at the hospitals have informed that all 47 injured are in stable condition. The state government will provide transport and food for all being treated at the hospitals."

Stating that those responsible would be brought to justice, the Chief Minister said, "The incident will be investigated by the Deputy Commissioner, who will be asked to submit a report within 15 days."

When asked if a security lapse was the reason behind incident, Siddaramaiah, ruling out the same, said it was unfortunate, and it was the presence of an overwhelming crowd that had led to the incident. "I do not say that nothing has occurred. Let the probe be completed," he added.

Overseas players had to return home yesterday night: Govt. clarifies

Bengaluru, June 5 (VNS)- While many including the opposition parties have been critical over the urgency in organising felicitation ceremony for the RCB team yesterday, the Karnataka Government has issued a clarification stating that the event had to be planned in a short notice as the players were preoccupied and the overseas players were slated to return in the night to their home countries.

Speaking to media persons, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister Naseer Ahmed, said, "No one had expected such a huge crowd at the Chinnaswamy stadium considering the fact that it had the capacity to accommodate 30,000 people. The felicitation event was organised in a short span of time as the players had prior engagements and the overseas players had to fly back. However, despite time constraints, arrangements were made up to the mark," he added.

MP Yaduveer blames State Govt. for Bengaluru stampede

Yaduveer

Mysuru, June 5 (BLU&VNS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has expressed his anguish over the stampede incident that took place in front of M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

Speaking to media persons, after taking part in the World Environment Day -2025 organised at CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) here this morning, Yaduveer said held the State Government responsible for the entire incident alleging that that the State Government had made no proper arrangements at the stadium which had led to the stampede that took 11 innocent lives.

"The arrangement for the felicitation of RCB team was done hastily. The State Government should have anticipated huge crowd as the team had won the trophy after 18 years. People would have wanted to have a glimpse of their favourite cricketers. There is a need for a thorough probe to bring the guilty to justice" he added.

Focus on photo ops rather than public safety: Prathap Simha

Prathap Simha

Mysuru, June 5 (BLU&BCT)- Last evening's stampede during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL victory celebrations at Chinnaswamy Stadium, which claimed 11 lives, has ignited a wave of criticism, with BJP leaders accusing the Congress-led Karnataka Government of gross negligence, mismanagement, and political opportunism.

Former MP Prathap Simha blamed the tragedy on administrative failure and slammed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for lacking empathy. "Earlier, I thought the CM was just harsh. Now I realise he is utterly insensitive," he said.

Simha alleged the event served as a VIP spectacle, with Ministers' children enjoying privileged access, including photo sessions with players at Vidhana Soudha.

He questioned the silence of Ministers Santosh Lad and Priyank Kharge, who had once advised UP CM Yogi Adityanath on security, saying, "CM Yogi manages 60 crore people in UP. Our government failed with 60,000."

He also accused Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar of focusing on photo ops rather than public safety and questioned the urgency: "Did Virat Kohli ask for a parade? Why the rush without planning?"

Drawing a parallel to Andhra Pradesh, where actor Allu Arjun was booked over a stampede, Simha asked if Karnataka's top leadership would face similar accountability. He dismissed the Government's probe as eyewash and said the incident had sullied the image of the police force.

Congress publicity stunt

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that the Government must accept moral responsibility. "This was a result of sheer negligence. The Ministers should resign," he said and accused the event of being turned into a Congress publicity stunt. Comparing Karnataka's chaos to the well-organised IPL parades in other States, Srivatsa decried the last-minute, haphazard planning.

Srivatsa

Mysuru BJP spokesperson M.A. Mohan called the tragedy "a Government-triggered massacre," blaming the CM for calling the event and arranging special flights for players, while failing to ensure basic crowd control.

Mohan

"The Police were overworked and had no reserve support. The Government used this for political gain and citizens paid the price," he said adding that the Congress Government was interested in publicity than protecting people and highlighted widespread criticism on social media.

HC registers *suo motu* PIL

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Meanwhile, Mysuru-based social activist Snehamayi Krishna has filed a complaint against CM Siddaramaiah, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, KSCA officer-bearers and others at Cubbon Park Police Station in Bengaluru demanding a case be registered under Sec. 106 (Causing death by negligence) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)

The copy of the complaint has also been sent to the Chief Justice of Karnataka, Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) and Bengaluru City Police Commissioner.

Last rites held

Heart-wrenching scenes were witnessed at the houses of victims as the families prepared for the last rites of their loved ones who lost their lives in the stampede.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

ASAP in Eternal Time

ASAP is a popular acronym for 'as soon as possible.' But more often than not it is used to mean 'immediately' in corporate circles. In political, bureaucratic and judicial circles, it depends on the relationship of the beneficiary and the benefactor. If the beneficiary is powerful, then ASAP means traffic lights are stopped to get to the meeting, files are passed quickly, the judgement is given at midnight. If the beneficiary is powerless, then ASAP means you wait endlessly for the appointment, the file gathers dust and the wheels of justice grind slowly.

That Hinduism is increasingly referred to as *Sanatan Dharma* or Eternal Code of Conduct reveals the value placed on eternity, a concept of time without endings, without deadlines, without full stops. Time is clearly a fluid concept, moving fast when you are happy and slow when you are sad. Timelines and timetables and appointments are a function not of what is to be done, rather who it involves.

The Puranas state that the lifespan of a human is equal to Indra's blink; the lifespan of Indra is equal to Brahma's blink; the lifespan of Brahma is equal to Vishnu's blink; the lifespan of Vishnu is equal to Shiva's blink; the lifespan of Shiva is equal to Devi's blink. This is a metaphor to draw our attention to how time has different meanings in different contexts.

As humans, we do not think too much about the lifespan of a mayflea (a single day), or a flea (100 days), or a cockroach (300 days). Likewise, a glass sponge that lives for 10,000 years or a turtle that lives for 200 years, may not think so much about the human sense of urgency to save the world in one lifetime, or a politician's determination to change the fate of a nation in one political term.

Those in positions of power can destroy millions of 'lesser' lives with a single decision, taken in the blink of an eye. So, the higher we rise in the ladder of power, the more power our blink has, the more sensitive we have to be to the sufferings of those who live below. Even as politicians, bureaucrats and judges play their games of time management, in temples, gods with large silver eyes stare endlessly, reminding all that their arrogant reign is infinitesimal with a denominator of infinity.

Narad once made Vishnu wait. Narad is a Brahmin sage of Hindu mythology who claims to be Vishnu's greatest devotee. Vishnu smiles and plays tricks on Narad to demonstrate the latter's conceit. Vishnu asked him to fetch some water as he was thirsty, too parched to walk to the river. Eager to serve Vishnu, Narad promised to be back as soon as possible. At the river, Narad saw a beautiful woman and was besotted by her beauty. He asked her to be his wife. She agreed. They married. They had children. The children grew up and got married. Narad lived a happy life with wife, children and grandchildren. All on the banks of that river.

Suddenly there was a flash flood. It swept Narad's home away. He tried to save his family, but they all drowned right before his eyes. Save me, he cried. A hand pulled him out. It was Vishnu's. Failing to recognise Vishnu, Narad begged his saviour to rescue his family from the flood. But then Narad realised there was no water around: no flood, no family, just a water pot in his hand. Vishnu smiled and asked in a parched voice, 'So where is my water, Narad?' Narad realised that generations had passed in his mind. All this while, Vishnu stayed thirsty.

This is what happens when we get distracted by our desires, our thirsts, our hunger and forget the desire, the hunger and thirst of those around us. Time passed quickly in Narad's happiness. But for the thirsty Vishnu, time passed very slowly.

We live in a world where different people blink differently. Judges blink differently from prisoners awaiting a bail hearing. Road contractors blink differently from those who walk, drive or live on roads. Governors blink differently depending on which political party the Chief Minister belongs to. We see people in the highest positions of power blink fast to help their favourites succeed. They blink slowly to ensure their rivals fail. For all talk of Neo-Vedanta, these powerful people are only obsessed with the cravings of their tribe, caste or party while Janata-Janardan (citizen), the Vishnu of democracy, remains thirsty.

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Energy Minister warns CESC staff against misconduct

44 new electricity substations to come up in Mysuru; to solve erratic supply

Mysuru, June 5 (BLU&BCT)- Energy Minister K.J. George has issued a stern warning to the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) staff, directing them to treat farmers and the public with respect and professionalism.

"Any rude behaviour will result in disciplinary action," he cautioned during a district-level review meeting held yesterday at the Abdul Nazeer Sab Hall in the Zilla Panchayat premises.

The warning came after several MLAs, including D. Ravishankar, Tanveer Sait and K. Harishgowda, raised complaints about CESC linemen behaving rudely with citizens, particularly farmers. Minister George instructed CESC Managing Director K.M. Munigopal Raju to issue warnings to errant staff and take action if misconduct continues.

Energy Minister K.J. George** (fourth from left) **addressing a review meeting at Abdul Nazeer Sab Hall at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) premises in city yesterday as others look on.

Addressing irregularities in power supply, MLA Tanveer Sait pointed out that disruptions in electricity from Megalapura were affecting the drinking water supply. He questioned the delay despite the collection of funds by KPTCL. The Hongalli-Megalapura project is being expanded from 60 MLD to 160 MLD, but the absence of a dedicated power line threatens to undermine its success.

MLA K. Harishgowda flagged safety concerns regarding underground (UG) cable installation, stating that open trenches were causing accidents. Minister George responded that Rs. 30 crore has been earmarked to close trenches and urged officials to act immediately.

Meanwhile, MLA G.T. Devegowda demanded the removal of rusting iron poles abandoned on roadsides. Calling for more field visits and fewer office hours, George told officials to give clear timelines instead of vague responses.

Infrastructure expansion

The Minister announced that Karnataka will establish 100 new electricity substations, with 44 to come up in Mysuru district within two years. He admitted there was no shortage of electricity, but a lack of infrastructure was causing supply issues.

George also dispelled rumours that linking Aadhaar to RR numbers of farm pump sets was a prelude to discontinuing free electricity. "Free power up to 10 HP will continue. Aadhaar link is only for verification," he clarified.

The Minister claimed a 99% success rate for 'Gruha Jyothi' Scheme in Mysuru and noted that Rs. 9,000 crore is being provided annually to ESComs under this initiative. Broken transformers, he said, would be repaired within 24 hours in urban areas and 48 hours in rural zones.

Following the Chief Minister's visit to tribal hamlets, the Government has initiated electricity supply to over 600 tribal hamlets.

MLAs Srivatsa & Tanveer Sait urged CESC to improve power reliability, particularly to drinking water pump houses. George assured that the electricity supply issues across Mysuru city and district will be resolved and directed CESC officials to meet public representatives regularly and act on their suggestions.

The meeting was attended by MLCs K. Vivekananda, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Additional Chief Secretary of Energy Department Gaurav Gupta, KPCL MD Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Deputy Commissioner Lakshmikanth Reddy, Zilla Panchayat CEO Yukesh Kumar, CESC MD K.M. Munigopal Raju, Guarantee Implementation Committee Vice-Chairperson Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath and others.

Woman hacked to death near Police Station

Husband on the run; Police face negligence charge

Victim Vidya

Accused Girish

Chamarajanagar, June 5 (KS)- Alleged Police negligence has cost the life of a woman who was brutally hacked to death by her husband just metres away from the Chamarajanagar Town Police Station on Tuesday.

The incident has triggered public outrage, with growing calls for accountability over the Police's handling of the case, particularly their failure to act on known threats to the victim's life.

The victim, Vidya, a resident of Somwarapet in Chamarajanagar town, was attacked with a sickle by her husband Girish following a prolonged domestic dispute, reportedly over a suspected extramarital affair.

Ignored threats, fatal outcome

Despite prior threats to her life, Vidya was sent unescorted from the Police Station to the Mahila Santhvana Kendra, where she had been temporarily housed.

Members of the public have criticised the Police for failing to provide her protection, saying a woman constable should have accompanied her or that Girish should have been held back at the Station until she safely returned to the shelter. That crucial lapse proved fatal.

Girish, who had reportedly been harassing Vidya even during her stay at the shelter, attacked her with a sickle as she exited the Police Station. She was left lying in a pool of blood and died on the spot. Girish fled the scene and remains at large.

A troubled marriage

Vidya, originally from Karinanjipura, had been married to Girish for several years, and the couple has two children. Tensions had been brewing due to Girish's suspicions of infidelity.

Around three months ago, Vidya left home and began living with Srinath, a man from Doddabhuvalli.

After Girish filed a missing person complaint, the Police traced Vidya to Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu and brought her back. During questioning, she made it clear that she did not wish to return either to her husband's house or her parental home. She was then sent to the Mahila Santhvana Kendra for protection.

Frequent quarrels

Girish, furious over her decision, frequently visited the shelter and quarrelled with her. Fed up with the harassment, Vidya lodged a formal complaint against him. In response, the Police summoned both parties to the Station for a counselling session.

During the meeting, Vidya reiterated that she could not continue living with Girish. The Police then advised both to settle their differences in Court and warned Girish against approaching or harassing her in the meantime. Despite this, the Police allowed Vidya to leave alone, unaware that Girish was waiting to strike.

Superintendent of Police Dr. B.T. Kavitha visited the crime scene and inspected the area. Chamarajanagar Town Police have registered a case and launched a manhunt to trace Girish, who remains absconding.

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Couple among three killed as truck rams motorbike

Channamallamma Chikkaswamy Roopa

Nanjangud, June 5 (KS) - A couple and an elderly woman were killed on the spot when a truck rammed into the motorbike they were riding near J.P. Hundi village on Sangama-Hullahalli Main Road near here yesterday.

The deceased are Chikkaswamy (45) and his wife Roopa (38), residents of Hanchipura village in the taluk and Roopa's mother Channamallamma (65), a resident of Kanenooru village.

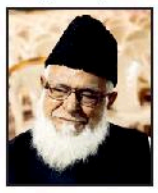
Chikkaswamy and Roopa, who had gone to attend a marriage ceremony at Sangama Kshetra, later went to Kanenooru village to visit Channamallamma, who was not keeping well. They picked up Channamallamma on the bike and were proceeding near J.P. Hundi village on Sangama-Hullahalli Main Road when a speeding Tamil Nadu registration truck rammed into the bike and ran over them killing all the three on the spot, Police said.

Dy.SP Raghu, Sub-Inspector Chethan Kumar, Crime Division's Rasool Pagavale, Sub-Inspectors Shivanna and Doddaiah visited the spot. The bodies were shifted to Nanjangud General Hospital for post-mortem.

Hullahalli Police, who have registered a case, have taken the truck driver into custody.

Obituary

Alhaj Gulam Mohammed Haji



Mysuru, June 5 - Alhaj Gulam Mohammed Haji (93), proprietor of Shoe Museum Group of showrooms in city and a resident of No. 733, 3A Cross, S.S. Nagar, Bannimantap, passed away following brief illness in the early hours of today at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his wife, four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be performed today at Masjid-e-Khudadad, Darul Uloom Siddiqia in city at 10 pm, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

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MP Yaduveer inaugurates World Environment Day at CFTRI

Mysuru, June 5 (BLU&DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said that the annual World Environment Day is being celebrated today for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment.

He was speaking after inaugurating the World Environment Day-2025 celebration organised by CSIR-CFTRI (Central Food Technological Research Institute) at IFTTC Auditorium in CFTRI campus here this morning.

Pointing out that the Day has been a platform for creating awareness on environmental issues such as marine pollution, over population, global warming, sustainable development etc., Yaduveer said that the theme for this year is "Putting an end to plastic pollution." The day is also celebrated with discussions on the integration of human interactions and the environment, he added.

Noting that the cleanliness survey of the city has been done under 'Swachh Survekshan-2025,' he stressed on the need for ending plastic pollution in keeping with this year's Environment Day theme. Maintaining that there were several outlined guidelines for the conduct of the survey, he called upon the people to realise the dreams of PM Modi in making India a truly clean and tidy country in keeping with 'Swachh Bharat' campaign.

MP Yaduveer also inaugurated Pune-based TEFF's (The Eco-factory Foundation) 'Shashwat Bharat Setu' Centre, a Winning Net Zero experience zone launched in Karnataka in Kannada language and CFTRI Platinum Jubilee Garden 'Amritavana' on the occasion.

Anand Chordia, Founder of TEFF, in his address, highlighted various concepts like 'Waste to wealth, water management, energy conservation, how to reduce carbon footprint, importance of circular economy, achieving sustainability in rural, urban, industrial and individual sectors and how to become Net Zero at large.

Pointing out that the Shashwat Bharat Setu has touched upon very crucial points that will revitalise our environment, Chordia said it exemplifies the concept of 'waste to wealth' besides providing sustainable solutions that not only benefit the environment, but also to create livelihood opportunities for communities. He expressed confidence that the Centre would inspire the nation to contribute in making India a Net Zero country.

A three-day Sashwat Bharat Setu Winning Net Zero Exhibition (June 5-7) has been organised at the venue as part of World Environment Day. The expo features immersive exhibits on sustainability, lifestyle changes, climate action etc,.

CSIR-CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, faculty members Dr. Umesh Hebbar, Dr. C.S. Vivek Babu, Dr. Vikas Singh Chauhan and others were present.

Philadelphia College students visit JSS Ayurveda College

Mysuru, June 5 (KS) - Students and staff of Community College of Philadelphia, USA, visited JSS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital in city recently to gain insights on Ayurveda and its various modalities.

Dr. Sarbeswar Kar, Principal & Medical Superintendent, appraised about the College and Hospital, legacy of Suttur Mutt and also gave introduction about Ayurveda.

Dr. B.G. Madhusudan, Associate Professor, spoke on Integration and Globalisation of Ayurveda. Dr. K.B. Vaisakh, Assistant Professor, discussed on the principles of Internal Medications and Therapeutic modalities in Ayurveda, which was followed by a talk by Dr. S.D. Manasa, Assistant Professor on Panchakarma Therapies in Ayurveda.

Then Philadelphia College students were taken to Panchakarma therapy facility where they were given demonstration on various Panchakarma therapies routinely followed in the Hospital. They later visited the Herbal Garden where they visualised various herbs used in Ayurveda and were appraised about the importance of food items to be used in daily routine and their uses. During their visit, they showed keen interest to get to know about the rich Indian culture heritage and Ayurveda.

The students thanked the college for hosting and enriching them with Ayurveda knowledge.

St. Anthony's feast at Dornahalli on June 13

Mysuru, June 5 (KS) - The annual Feast of St. Anthony Church at Dornahalli in K.R. Nagar taluk will be held on June 13, with the celebrations having begun from June 4.

The celebrations began yesterday evening with the flag hoisting ceremony, led by Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Mysore.

From June 5 to June 12, daily Novena Days' Mass and Preaching will be held, with English Mass at 7 am and Kannada Mass at 11 am and 5.30 pm.

On June 13, Kannada Mass will be held at 5 am, 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 3 pm, 4 pm and 5.30 pm. The 10 am Kannada Mass will be led by Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras. English Mass will be held at 7 am and 1 pm and Tamil Mass will be held at 11.30 am. Like every year, religious programmes will be held and a decorated chariot of St. Antony will be taken in a procession around the Shrine.

Special KSRTC buses

Special KSRTC buses have been arranged to ferry devotees from Mysuru to Dornahalli for the annual feast from June 4 to 15. The bus timings are as follows:

Departure from Mysuru Bus Stand: 5.30 am, 9.30 am and 3.45 pm. **Departure from Dornahalli:** 2.15 pm and 8.30 pm.

Now, 24-hour vehicle check to curb cattle smuggling

Mysuru, June 5 (PM&KS) - In a bid to prevent illegal transportation or smuggling of cattle, city Police are keeping a hawk eye vigil and have commenced a special checking drive in city. The Cops are undertaking 24 hours checking of vehicles especially goods vehicles in city.

Since a few days, illegal transportation of cattle is being reported from various places across the State and hence as a precautionary step, the Police are conducting checking of vehicles since the past three days. The special checking drive is being conducted by the staff of all Police Stations across the city in their respective jurisdictions.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju, speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that extreme caution has been to prevent cattle smuggling in city. Check- posts have been erected at 12 places across the city and the locations of these check-posts will be changed daily.

"Checking of vehicles will be conducted round the clock by Police personnel, who will be working in three shifts till June 8," the DCP said.

Two arrested for smuggling cattle

Mysuru, June 5 (PM&KS) - Alanahalli Police have arrested two persons on charges of smuggling cattle and have rescued two calves besides seizing the goods vehicle used for the crime.

Following a tip off, the Police intercepted a goods vehicle (KA-09-B-6987) on June 1 night near Savitribai Phule Circle on T. Narasipur Road during which the goods vehicle driver and another person inside the vehicle tried to flee but were caught. When the Police checked the vehicle, they found two calves tied inside vehicle and rescued them.

During interrogation, the accused told the Cops that a person had bought the calves at a fair in T. Narasipur and had given them the calves to be sold to a slaughter house for a higher price.

Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

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Lilo and Stitch (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Sathya (H)	(S-2)	1 pm
Ace (Ta)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)	(S-2)	7.25 pm
Bhairavam (Te)	(S-2)	10 pm
Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	(S-3)	11.30 am, 1.55 pm
Raja Puthiran (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm; (S-4) 1.40 pm
Cocktail (H)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
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Khaleja (Te)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 10.20 pm

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Karate Kid: Legends (E)	:	10.30 am, 12.45 pm, 3 pm 5.15 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm 3.30, 7.30 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	1 pm
Moonwalk (Ma)	:	1.40 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	3.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Taane C/o Srirampura (K)	:	6.25 pm
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Cocktail (H)	:	9.15 pm

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Karate Kid: Legends (E)	:	12 noon, 2.15 pm, 4.30 pm 6.45 pm, 9 pm
Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)	:	1.10 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Thayavva (K)	:	1.35 pm
Khaleja (Te)	:	3.50 pm
Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	4.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Manidhargal (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
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TODAY'S MATCHES (JUNE 5)

MIXED DOUBLES: FINALS
- 4 Taylor Townsend & Evan King **Vs** 3 Sara Errani & Andrea Vavassori — **3.30 pm**

MEN'S DOUBLES: SEMI-FINALS
- 16 Édouard Roger-Vasselin & Hugo Nys **Vs** 5 Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos — **5.30 pm**

WOMEN'S SINGLES: SEMI-FINALS
- 1 Aryna Sabalenka **Vs** 5 Iga Świątek — **6.30 pm**
- Lois Boisson **Vs** 2 Coco Gauff — **7.40 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (JUNE 6)

MEN'S SINGLES: SEMI-FINALS
- 8 Lorenzo Musetti **Vs** 2 Carlos Alcaraz — TBD
- 1 Jannik Sinner **Vs** 6 Novak Djokovic — TBD

MEN'S DOUBLES: SEMI-FINALS
- 8 Neal Skupski & Joe Salisbury **Vs** 9 Evan King & Christian Harrison — TBD

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: SEMI-FINALS
- 4 Mirra Andreeva & Diana Shnaider **Vs** 2 Sara Errani & Jasmine Paolini — TBD
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EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 6)

- **Tholasi Jewels:** Italasi Luxe Fest, Tholasi Jewels, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Sri Nataraja Girls PU College, Mysuru:** Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's 141st Jayantyotsava programme, Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, senior historian Prof. N.S. Rangaraju inaugurates, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal delivers keynote address, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Central Committee Founder Dr. MGR Urs chief guest, College Principal V.D. Sunitarani will be present, Sri Nataraja Auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, **11 am.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET):** Presenting a unique Kathabhinaya *'The Dust That Never Left Us: A Journey Through the Bhagavata Purana - Explore the Essence of Nature'* in English, IIET, Hardwicke School Premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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Karate Kid: Legends (E)	:	11.05 am, 1.20 pm, 3.35 pm 5.50 pm, 8.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	1.35 pm, 7.40 pm
Bhairavam (Te)	:	4.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Cocktail (H)	:	4.40 pm
HIT: The Third Case (K)	:	7.15 pm

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Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Cocktail (H)	:	10.45 am
Bhairavam (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 5.50 pm, 9 pm
Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)	:	12.20 pm, 1.30 pm 7.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Thayavva (K)	:	1.55 pm
Narivetta (Ma)	:	3 pm, 10 pm
Manidhargal (Ta)	:	3.30 pm
Taane C/o Srirampura (K)	:	4.35 pm
Khaleja (Te)	:	6 pm
Moonwalk (Ma)	:	7.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Health Talk

Mysuru, June 5- As part of its monthly Health Talk series, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has arranged a lecture and interaction programme at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana in the Council premises on June 9 at 5 pm. Prof. Suttur Malini, President of the Research Department of Genetics & Genomics, will deliver a talk on the topic 'Analysis and research in infertility in males and infertility due to diabetes, etc.'

Also, the Council will felicitate B.V. Prakash, a farmer from Basavanahalli (Periyapatna taluk) with 'Sri Gowdappa Award' on the occasion.

Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of the Council, will preside.

For more details, contact Mob: 99804-12406.

Interaction event

Mysuru, June 5- Mysore Art Gallery will be holding its 102nd edition of 'Sadhakarondige Samvada' (An Interaction with Achievers) programme at its premises on Ramanuja Road in city on June 8 at 11 am.

Dr. K. Kumar

One of the senior dance gurus of our State, *Karnataka Kalashree* Dr. K. Kumar, Professor and Head of the Department of Dance at the College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, and the Founder and Director of Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), will be felicitated and featured in the interactive session.

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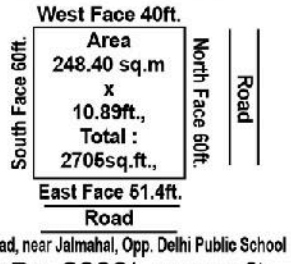

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